

commend the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Kauffman Foundation for leading the initiative to make Kansas City America's Most Entrepreneurial City, and I look forward to demonstrating the strength of entrepreneurship in our region to the rest of the nation.

#### HONORING MARTIN J. INGRAM

#### HON. ROBERT L. TURNER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend and neighbor Martin J. Ingram, who is retiring after more than 34 years of federal service.

Marty spent 30 years with the Air Force on active duty and with the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. He was a rescue helicopter pilot in the USAF Air Rescue Service, served as mission commander on multiple types of rescue aircraft and held key management positions as Instructor Pilot, Helicopter Flight Commander and Wing Chief of Safety. In May and June of 1996, he also flew combat support operations for Operation Provide Comfort in Turkey and northern Iraq.

In his civilian career, Marty flew as First Officer aboard Sikorsky S-61 helicopters for New York Airways, which included rooftop landings at the famed heliport atop the Pam Am Building. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot Rating in multi-engine and rotary aircraft, including the Boeing 747, Grumman Gulfstream G-II and Sikorsky SK-61 and SK-58 aircraft. He is a certified flight instructor in single and multi-engine aircraft and instruments, and is a certified Dispatcher and Flight Engineer with a Turbojet rating.

Marty began working with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1978 as an Air Traffic Controller at New York Center in Ronkonkoma, Long Island. In 1984, he launched his Flight Standards Service career by becoming an Aviation Safety Inspector (Operations) at the Farmingdale Flight Standards District Office (FSDO). He later served as a General Aviation and Air Carrier Safety Inspector, Principal Operations Inspector, and was Manager of the Charlotte FSDO and Executive Officer for the Southern Region Flight Standards Division. He is retiring as the Assistant Manager for the FAA Eastern Region Flight Standards Division at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City.

I would like to offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to Marty for his military service to our country, a public service career well spent and all that he has done to keep our airlines and passengers safe over the years. I wish him many successful, happy and healthy years to come.

#### A TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. ZABLE

#### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Walter J. Zable upon his passing. Mr. Zable was a leader, job creator, and a great contributor to the San Diego community.

In 1951, Mr. Zable formed the Cubic Corporation in Southern California. Today it employs over 8,000 people worldwide in the field of defense systems, mission support services and transportation systems for government and commercial customers. Mr. Zable served as the chairman, president, and CEO of the corporation for five decades.

Prior to forming Cubic, Mr. Zable attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia studying physics and mathematics while enjoying football. It is during this time that he married his beloved wife, Betty.

Excelling in football, he played on scholarship at William and Mary and credited the sport to helping him get through the Great Depression. Mr. Zable later played professional football with the Richmond Arrows and the New York Giants. Multiple sports awards followed, including the 1962 Sports Illustrated Silver Anniversary All-American Team. Today, the William and Mary football stadium bears the Zable name.

Mr. Zable began putting his engineering skills to work in the early 1940s in Southern California. His drive and determination led to the creation of Cubic Corporation. Regular growth has led the company to great success including worldwide offices and the public trading of its stock on the NYSE.

Our military relies on the work of Cubic as a provider of realistic combat training systems, cyber technologies, asset tracking solutions, and defense electronics. Many of the world's public transportation systems rely on Cubic for collection systems and services.

At the age of 97, Mr. Zable's passing marks a lifetime of great accomplishments. His legacy lives on in the continued achievement of the Cubic Corporation and his personal philanthropy. In 1971, he established the San Diego Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (NFFCHF). NFFCHF assists student athletes in achieving their full individual potential.

Mr. Zable is an example of the American Dream fulfilled. Through hard work, dedication, and a deep sense of community, he lived a full and inspiring life. Today we remember his contributions to San Diego and our country.

#### RECOGNIZING HEATH HAWKS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Rockwall Heath Hawk's baseball team which brought home the title of "State Champions" this year in the University Interscholastic League Class 4A Texas baseball championship. Led by Coach of the Year Greg Harvey, the Heath Hawks had an exceptional season and playoff run before achieving victory over Cleburne for a 10-1 win for the state title. After making regional finals the past two years, this year is a culmination of the hard work and dedication of these young men.

The Heath Hawks' record testifies they are successful competitors, but what makes them great is their work ethic, teamwork, and good attitude. These admirable character traits will carry these men far in life.

The seniors in every team hold a special responsibility, and the eleven graduating seniors

on this team should be congratulated for the leadership they provided throughout the season. Seniors Jovan Hernandez and Jake Thompson were specifically recognized this year for their skill and leadership. Jovan Hernandez was named State Tournament MVP and All-District Pitcher of the Year. Jake Thompson was named All-District MVP and was drafted in the Major League's second round by the Detroit Tigers as their first pick.

I am proud of Coach Harvey, his aide, and the Heath Hawks baseball team for their accomplishment in achieving the State Championship. I look forward not only to cheering for the Heath Hawks in the future, but to cheering on the men of this year's team as they pursue their goals in the years to come. I have every confidence that they will succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask those here to join me in honoring Texas State Champions, the Heath Hawks, and in wishing them success in their future endeavors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF GERTRUDE KNOWLTON

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gertrude Knowlton of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, who celebrated her 100th birthday this year.

Gertrude was born on January 13, 1912. The youngest of four children, she grew up in the greater Boston area. She lived and raised her family there, eventually relocating to Southborough. In 1990, she moved to Martha's Vineyard with her daughter and has lived on the island ever since. There, Gertrude enjoys displaying her watercolor paintings in local fairs, as well as reading new bestsellers as soon as they arrive in the local library. Even as a centenarian, she has maintained a very active and busy life on the Vineyard.

Born just months before the Titanic sank and Fenway Park opened, Gertrude's story is truly a living history of major American events. She has lived through two world wars, Prohibition and the Depression, the Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement. She recalls seeing five-cent silent movies and attending big-band concerts led by Guy Lombardo and Rudy Valee. She remembers being voted "best dancer" in high school and of dressing in the flapper style of the 1920s as a teenager. During World War II, she worked at a drugstore lunch counter in Milford. Gertrude grew up in a time before automobiles or airplanes were commonplace and before most people had landlines or radios in their homes, but lived to see a man walk on the moon and the establishment of instant worldwide connectivity through the Internet.

Gertrude raised six children—five of her own as well as a teenage girl who she took in—and has seen her family grow by four generations. She has three surviving children, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Gertrude believes that the secret to living to the age of 100 is always to have a good attitude toward life, and I couldn't agree more.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Gertrude Knowlton as she celebrates this joyous occasion. She is an extraordinary member of our